



Exploratorium Weddings

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Weddings at the Exploratorium



ABOUT THE EXPLORATORIUM

The Exploratorium is a non-profit public learning laboratory exploring the world through science, art, and human perception. We are located at the historic San Francisco Pier 15, along the Embarcadero.

GETTING HERE / ACCOMMODATIONS

Located on the Embarcadero at the foot of Telegraph Hill, the Exploratorium has Muni stops in front of our building and a BART Station 0.7 miles away. Detailed public transit information can be found at exploratorium.edu/visit/location-directions.

Fisherman's Wharf, Union Square, and the downtown Financial District are all within walking distance and have numerous hotel options for your guests.

PARKING

There are many parking lots and garages near Pier 15, including one across the street with 180 spots.

LOADING ZONE / RIDESHARE

There is a taxi zone in front of Pier 15. There is also a white loading zone in front of Pier 17 that can accommodate four 55-passenger buses.



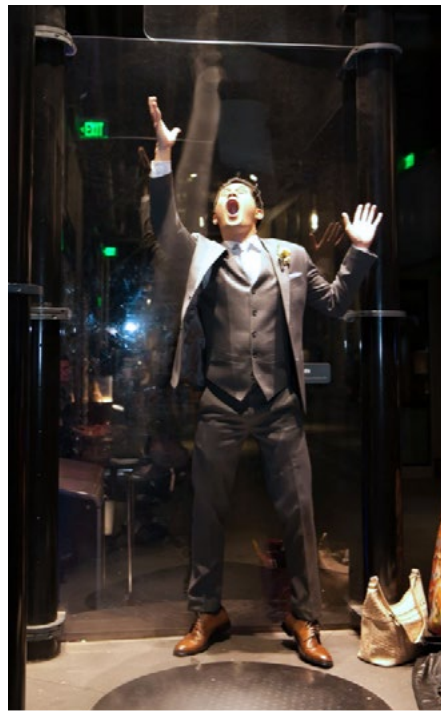
Your Exploratorium wedding includes:

- Classroom for belongings and finishing touches for the couple + wedding party
- One-hour photo shoot throughout the museum (with your own photographer)
- Dual Explorers Membership Level for one year
- Engaging, interactive exhibits in the gallery rented
- “Explainer” staff to conduct live demos and explore exhibits
- LED in-house lighting and/or sound systems
- Guest service fees waived



Explainers, exhibits, & more!

- Included in all museum rentals
- “Explainers” ensure your guests experience the Exploratorium to the fullest
- Guests will have an evening filled with entertainment



Fisher Bay Observatory & Terrace



This waterfront gallery with an adjoining terrace includes views of the Bay Bridge and the city skyline. This gallery has floor-to-ceiling windows with exhibits about climate, geology, and the surrounding landscape.

CAPACITY

Ceremony only: 200
Reception only: 200 standing, 150 banquet
Ceremony + reception: 100

PRICING & TIMELINE

\$9,500

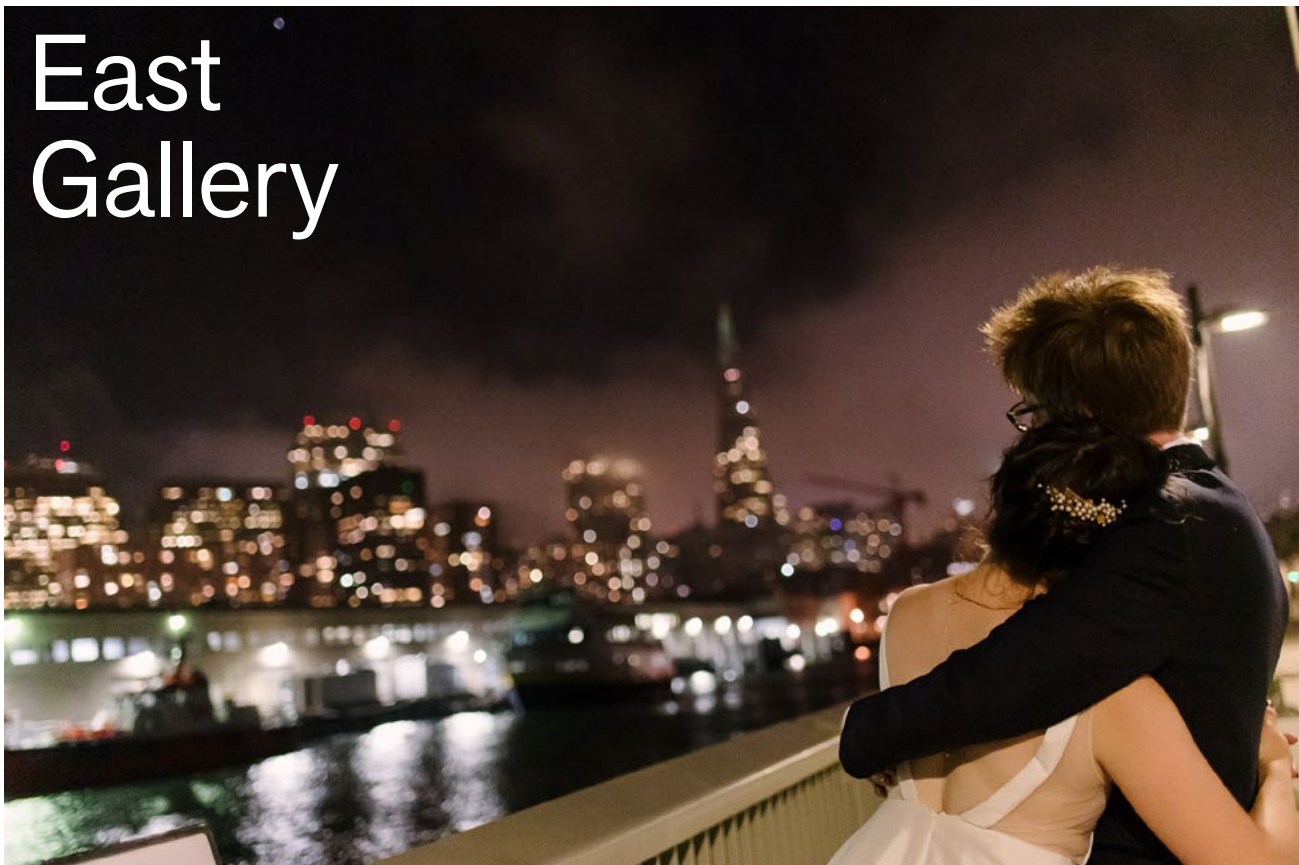
Guest Service Fees included up to 200 guests
3:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
Includes load in, event time, & load out
Ceremony can begin at 5:00 p.m.

OBSERVATORY & EAST BUNDLE

\$16,500

5:15 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. in East Gallery
Includes load in, event time, & load out
Ceremony can begin at 6:30 p.m.

East Gallery



With large windows overlooking the Bay, the East Gallery brings the outside world in. It offers experiences and exhibits using authentic scientific methods and tools to examine biology at many scales: plants, organisms, cells. The included Mezzanine level explores the beauty in weather and geography.

CAPACITY

Ceremony only: 200
Reception only: 450 standing, 150 banquet
Ceremony + reception: 150

PRICING & TIMELINE

\$13,500

Guest Service Fees included up to 200 guests
5:15 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
Includes load in, event time, & load out
Ceremony can begin at 6:30 p.m.

OBSERVATORY & EAST BUNDLE

\$16,500

3:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. in Observatory Gallery
Includes load in, event time, & load out
Ceremony can begin at 5:00 p.m. in Observatory



Bechtel Central Gallery + Outdoor Gallery

The large Outdoor Gallery has stunning views of Coit Tower and the downtown skyline. It connects to the Central Gallery, which explores light, color, vision, sound, and hearing and is designed for exploring perception itself.

CAPACITY

Ceremony only: 500
Reception only: 1,200 standing, 500 banquet
Ceremony + reception: 500

PRICING & TIMELINE

\$18,500

Guest Service Fees included up to 500 guests
Outdoor Gallery 4:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
Central Gallery 5:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
Includes load in, event time, & load out
Ceremony can begin at 6:00 p.m.

MORE TO EXPLORE

\$24,000

+ East Gallery from 5:15 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

\$22,000

+ West Gallery from 5:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.



Osher West Gallery

The West Gallery integrates social science with exhibits about psychology, art, human perception, math, and music. This gallery houses the museum's iconic Tactile Dome, an immersive sensory experience that you can add onto your events.

CAPACITY

Ceremony only: 450
Reception only: 450 standing, 200 banquet
Ceremony + reception: 200

PRICING & TIMELINE

\$9,500

Guest Service Fees included up to 200 guests

5:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Includes load in, event time, & load out

Ceremony can begin at 6:30 p.m.

ADD-ON FORUM FOR CEREMONY

\$2,000

4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Includes load in, event time, & load out

Ceremony can begin at 5:00 p.m.



Catering & Vendor Options

Select any one of our approved catering teams:

BETTY Z LATCHIN CATERING

Sales Team - info@bettyzlatchin.com
415.641.4859

MCCALLS CATERING & EVENTS

Cyrus Pahlavan - cpahlavan@mccallssf.com
415.552.8550

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Sales Team - info@melonscatering.com
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FRAICHE CATERING

Laura Schoolcraft - laura@fraichecater.com
925.683.2800

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Ranjan Dey - ranjan@newdelhirestaurant.com
415.816.4068

GLOBAL GOURMET CATERING

Elaine Burrell - elaine@ggcatering.com
509.336.9070

PAULA LEDUC FINE CATERING & EVENTS

Sales Team - sales@paulaleduc.com
510.547.7825

GRACE STREET CATERING

Chris Chere - chris@gracestreetcatering.com
510.523.1600

THE RED DOOR CATERING & EVENTS

Nick Mullis - nick@reddoorcatering.com
510.339.2320 ext. 1

JANE HAMMOND EVENTS

Jane Hammond - jane@jhevents.com
415.822.0310

STAG DINING

Matthew Homyak - contact@stagdining.com
415.425.6513

KNIGHTS CATERING & EVENTS

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415.920.3663

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FAQ

WHAT TIME CAN MY CEREMONY START?

The earliest ceremony start times are: 5:00 p.m. in the Fisher Bay Observatory & Terrace, 5:30 p.m. in the Kanbar Forum, 6:00 p.m. in the Outdoor Gallery as part of the Outdoor/Central Bundle, and 6:30 p.m. in both the East and West Galleries.

DO YOU PROVIDE TABLES OR CHAIRS?

We do not include tables, chairs, or any other rentals. These would need to be contracted either through your catering team or another outside vendor.

IS THERE A ROOM TO GET READY?

Yes! A bridal classroom is included in your rental during your event hours. This is best used to stage belongings and for finishing touches before the ceremony.

WHEN CAN THE CEREMONY REHEARSAL TAKE PLACE?

The ceremony rehearsal can be scheduled to take place during closed hours, pending availability, 9:00–10:00 a.m. or 5:00–6:00 p.m.

DO YOU REQUIRE A WEDDING PLANNER?

No, but they are highly encouraged. Do not hesitate to ask us for suggestions.

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES?

No, unless you pay by credit card, and then there is a 3% charge. All other venue fees are inclusive of any tax and service charges.

ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON ALCOHOL?

All alcohol must be served by a licensed liquor provider from our approved catering list. Aside from Curiosity Catering, all other caterers on our approved catering list, must buy out the liquor license for the day from our in-house concessions, Seaglass Management.

WHAT IS THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE?

A non-refundable 50% deposit is due at the time of booking to confirm your event. The remaining 50% is due three months prior to your event.

HOW LATE CAN MY EVENT GO?

Current packages have guests departing at 11:30 p.m.; however, additional hours can be purchased. Alcohol service must end by 1:45 a.m.

ARE THERE ANY NOISE RESTRICTIONS?

No; amplified music can play as late as 3:00 a.m. if additional hours are purchased.

CAN MY GUESTS INTERACT WITH ALL OF THE EXHIBITS?

Yes! All of the exhibits in the galleries rented for your event are included. We encourage guests to interact and engage with this included event entertainment!



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